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A I lived on the Green farm, bordering on Easton Avenue, Turnpike and De Russey's lane.

Q And did you live, - were you the sole occupant ~~of~~ of the house? A I was

Q And what kind of a house was it, frame brick or what?

A It was na old house, it was 150 years old.

Q Stone was it? A Wood.

Q Now, between nine and ten, nearer ten, do you know where you were? A I do

Q Where were you about that hour?

A I was sitting on the front porch.

Q And would you say it was nearer ten than nine?

A I do.

Q Now, how far is that house from the crab apple tree in De Russey's lane, where it is said this woman, these bodies were found?

A Well, it was across two big meadows and de Russey lane, I couldn't tell you, it must be four or five hundred feet I imagine.

Q Well, it was not more than five hundred feet?

A I don't think so.

Q Now, while you were sitting on your porch, did you hear shots? A We did.

Q And will you describe what it was you heard?

A I was sitting there in the dark, I could not see my hand before ~~xxxx~~ me and all at once it seemed to come from De Russey's lane, one, two, three, and then stopped and then one.

Q And what interval was there, between the three shots? And then the fourth shot.

A I should imagine about two or three seconds.

Q Did you hear anything besides the shots, did you hear voices or screaming or anything?

A No sir, I did not.

Q Now, what was the next you heard, the next you ^{knew} ~~xxxx~~ of anything happening in this De Russey's lane?

A I didn't know anything until Saturday morning?

Q And what did you learn then?

A My brother came in, he had started ~~was~~ down town, and he turned back to the house after what he had seen and told me.

Q He told you something about the happening?

A Yes sir, he told me something.

Q Now, at the time before the shots, while you were sitting on the porch, did you hear any automobiles moving toward the lane?

A I heard a number.

Q Well, how long before you heard the shots was the last automobile you heard?

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A That I couldn't tell you, because I would not be sure, because it is so long since that I have heard of them.

Q You know Hamilton Avenue, don't you? A. Yes, sir.

Q And you also know Easton Turnpike. A. Yes, sir.

Q And Derussey Lane? A. Yes, sir.

Q Can you locate your house--just where is your house between the Easton Turnpike and this crab apple tree, and where was the Easton Turnpike between your house and the crab apple tree? A. My house sets about two hundred feet back ~~km~~ from Easton Turnpike, and then it was kind of in the center and then 200 feet again, I suppose from Derussey Lane.

Q That is, your house is in a position between Easton Turnpike and Derussey Lane? A. Yes, sir.

Q Two hundred feet on each side?

A Yes, it was a little house set back from the big front house.

Q When you heard these shots, what did they sound like, did they sound like revolver shots?

A Sharp, very sharp.

Q Now, can you tell us how you fixed the time, you say it was nearer ten o'clock than nine. Can you tell us what fixes the time in your mind?

A Well, because my husband and I retired about that time, and my husband was out in the back shutting up for the

night.

Q And he was preparing to retire, shutting the place up?

A Yes, sir; he was closing up.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. PFEIFFER:

Q Mrs. Hoag, did you look at a clock, or watch or anything or are you simply testifying from the fact that it was your general practice to go to bed about ten o'clock?

A Well, it is really our practice, but still I had to always see my clock was in good condition, my husband had to get up a certain hour in the morning.

Q And at what time did you look at the clock on the night of September 14th?

A Why, when I went upstairs, about ten, I should imagine.

Q You saw your clock there then? A. Yes, sir.

Q Tell me, was your clock on standard time or daylight saving time? A. Yes, sir.

Q So that when you went upstairs it was about ten o'clock daylight saving time? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, is the house which you occupied at this time still there? A. It is.

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Q And I understood you to tell Senator Simpson that you heard the revolver shots, one, two, three, then a short interval of a second or so and then one?

A Yes, sir; then one.

Q That is entirely clear in your mind?

A Oh, very, very clear.

Q Well, had you heard revolver shots coming from the same direction at various other times or was this so unusual that it stuck in your mind?

A It was unusual.

Q You said shortly after you heard the shots there were some autos came out; where did they come from?

A Both ways. From Easton Avenue and Derussey's Lane.

Q Have you any idea how many there were?

A I couldn't tell you that, because it was pitch dark and there was no light.

Q It was quite dark at that time?

A Oh, very dark.

Q Well, did you hear the sound of running motors or a horn or any sound that made you know there were several cars?

A Well, no, I wouldn't be positive about that.

Q We are just asking you the best of your recollection.

A I would not say just now, but it is so long, but I know I heard automobiles.

Q And in what direction?

A I couldn't tell you that.

Q Are you able to say which direction the automobiles were, upon Easton Avenue or was it so dark that you could not tell?

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A I could not tell because it was so dark.

Q Did you see any lights of the automobiles?

A No, because I couldn't do that, the woods was between, see, my house, and Derussey's Lane.

Q So that all you heard was the noise of moving motor cars?

A Just the noise, yes.

Q And you could not tell which way the cars were going?

A I could not tell you, I would not be positive at all.

MR. SIMPSON: Mr. Lathrop.

MR. PFEIFFER: If I may ask Mrs. Hoag one more question. I don't know whether she answered the question or not.

A N N A S. H O A G recalled for further

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. PFEIFFER:

Q Mrs. Hoag, did you say that you heard the shots before you went upstairs or after you went upstairs?

A I said I was sitting on the porch.

Q Sitting on the porch and heard the shots?

A Sitting on the porch, yes.

Q And very shortly after that, within a few minutes, you went upstairs? A. Why, no; I waited until my husband came around.

Q And you think that was about how long?

A I couldn't tell you that.

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Q Five minutes or ten?

A Oh, it might have been ten minutes, and I asked him if he heard the shots and he said, yes.

Q And you think it was about ten o'clock daylight saving time you went upstairs? A. Yes, sir.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SIMPSON:

Q You say your husband heard the shots? A. Yes.

Q Where is your husband now? A. He is at work.

Q Oh, we can get him then.

A He can't come. He is a man that is not well. He is a very nervous man and I would not have him come over.

M R S. M I L L I E O P I E duly sworn for

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SIMPSON:

Q Where do you live, Mrs. Opie?

A 51 Carmen Street.

Q And is that in New Brunswick?

A In New Brunswick.

Q And on the 14th of September, 1922, where did you live?

A 51 Carmen Street.

Q The same address? A. Yes.

Q And is that near where Mrs. Mills lived?

A Next door.

Q Did you have a telephone in your house? A. Yes, sir.